

## COMPARE CONTRAST ESSAY PROMPT \*

Over the course of this year, we have discussed characters that face choices at a crossroads. Read and annotate the prompt below which you will receive on the final.

Use the surprise poem and select ONE MAIN CHARACTER from the texts on the list below to make thematic connections and observations about how choices can shape and define people's lives:

1. Inherit the Wind
2. Dreams from My Father
3. A Separate Peace

You will then write a three-paragraph essay that makes thematic connections between the text and the poem. In your essay, you should:

- Identify ONE main character FROM THE LISTED TEXTS that makes a choice or advises others to make a choice. Be sure to summarize the text and explain the conflict that the character faces and provide the back-story of his or her crossroads event.
- In one body paragraph, analyze the choice or advice that ONE main character makes and evaluate the reasons or purpose for his or her conduct. Consider whether his or her identity, family or community benefit or gain from the choices or advice or whether his or her identity, family or community suffer from the choices or advice? Consider the surprise poem and the choices described in the poem.
- Explain the lessons that are learned by the character that makes a choice or advises others. Use those lessons to give advice about how people should make crossroad decisions and what consequences and values they should take into account.

You will need to use a total of TWO TEXTUAL EXAMPLES and ONE MATCHING QUOTE to support your arguments. In the body paragraph, be sure to connect the character's behavior to the surprise poem. You MUST ALSO INCORPORATE at least ONE LINE of the POEM in the body paragraph of the essay. You may ONLY USE QUOTES from the QUOTE BANK and you MUST record the QUOTE accurately and include the page number.

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**HOMEWORK due on Tuesday, May 26, 2015 Write three questions that you have about the essay prompt:**

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**Write three brief plot summaries. Each should include the title and author(s), the setting, the general story line, and conflict. Once you choose your texts, you will need to ADD DETAILS that REVOLVE around the CHARACTERS that you select.**

**Plot Summary of Inherit the Wind:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Plot Summary of Dreams from My Father:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Plot summary of A Separate Peace:** \_\_\_\_\_

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